GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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AERODROME AT GOCHAR
Goel Shri Surendra Prakash

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to establish a n aerodrome a t Gochar to make the Badrinath-Kedarnath Yatra comfortable keeping in view a large number of tourists in Uttaranchal;

(b) if so, whether any feasibility survey has been conducted; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

- MINISTER OF STATE(INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) There is an airstrip at Gochar, which belongs to State Government o f Uttaranchal. Pawan Hans Helicopters Ltd. is already operating schedule helicopter services to Badrinath and Kedarnath shrines. Due to non-commitment from any airlines operator to operate schedule services to/from Gochar, there is no plan to upgrade the existing airstrip into a regular aerodrome.

(b) & (c) However, on the request of State Government of Uttaranchal, a technical feasibility study was undertaken by Airports Authority of India (AAI) in July, 2004 and the inspection report alongwith remedial action was sent to the State Government for taking necessary action to make the existing airstrip suitable for commercial aircraft operation.